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REMARKS			
This is UNEVALUATED Information			

1. At 8:30 p.m. on 21 February, 12 T-34/85 tanks, 3 tank chassis, 1 gun and truck were detained at the Wittenberg railroad station. The SP gun moved to the Beseler Kaserne. The other armored vehicles and the truck moved to the Flak Kaserne. The street lights were turned off when the vehicles left the station. About 200 boxes of ammunition and a train of 6 boxcars and 21 flatcars with sideracks stood ready for loading at the loading ramp on 1 March.

2. On 2 March, T-34 tanks guns, 1 tank chassis, 1 armored personnel carrier and motor vehicles were loaded at the Wittenberg freight station, having come from the Beseler Kaserne. Prior to 2 March, the Tauntzien Kaserne quartered about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal or motor transport insignia. Troops engaged in individual and group training. Two T-34 tanks and armored scout cars were identified. Motor vehicles were seen in traffic to the barracks installation:

Prior to 2 March, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. Troops engaged in individual and group training. T-34 tanks 8 x 25-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of 37-mm AA guns were observed. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to the barracks installation

Prior to 2 March, the Beseler Kaserne was occupied by about 100 officers, 1,200 EM and 50 women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia. Troops engaged in individual and group training. T-34 tanks three JS-3 tanks and one 76.2-mm ZIS-3 field gun were observed.

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1. Comment. [redacted] tanks of the 52d Gds Tank Regt [redacted] and of the 53d Gds Tank Regt [redacted] of the 6th Gds Tank Div from the Flak Kaserne Wittenberg returned from firing practices at Werder-Markendorf. 25X1
2. Comment. On 2 March, tanks of the 51st Gds Tank Regt and SP guns of the 78th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt from the Beseler Kaserne were entrained, probably for shipment to Werder-Markendorf. 25X1
3. Comment. The information tends to indicate that, except for those units of the 6th Gds Tank Div that were detached for winter firing practice, the 6th Gds Tank Div was at the post in early March 1953. 25X1

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